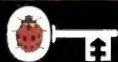


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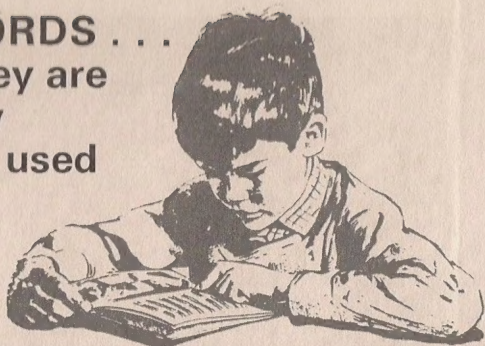
# Boys and girls



**The Ladybird Key Words  
Reading Scheme**

## KEY WORDS . . .

what they are  
and how  
they are used



Some of the words in the English language are used much more frequently than others. These words which appear more frequently can be called Key Words.

Research shows that twelve of these Key Words make up one quarter of all those we read and write. One hundred of them form half, and three hundred about three-quarters, of the total number of words found in juvenile reading. *Reading skill is accelerated if these important words are learned early and in a pleasant way.*



The Ladybird Key Words Reading Scheme is based on these commonly used words. Those used most often in the English language are introduced first—with other words of popular appeal to children. All the Key Words list is covered in the early books, and the later titles use further word lists to develop full reading fluency. The total number of different words which will be learned in the complete reading scheme is nearly two thousand. The gradual introduction of these words, frequent repetition and complete 'carry-over' from book to book, will ensure rapid learning.

The full-colour illustrations have been designed to create a desirable attitude towards learning—by making every child *eager* to read each title. Thus this attractive reading scheme embraces not only the latest findings in word frequency, but also the natural interests and activities of happy children.

Each book contains a list of the new words introduced.

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**THE LADYBIRD KEY WORDS READING SCHEME** has 12 graded books in each of its three series—'a', 'b' and 'c'. As explained in the handbook 'Teaching Reading', these 36 graded books are all written on a controlled vocabulary, and take the learner from the earliest stages of reading to reading fluency.

The 'a' series gradually introduces and repeats new words. The parallel 'b' series gives the needed further repetition of these words at each stage, but in different context and with different illustrations.

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An illustrated booklet—'Notes for Teachers'—can be obtained free from the publishers. This booklet fully explains the Key Words principle and the Ladybird Key Words Reading Scheme. It also includes information on the reading books, work books and apparatus available, and such details as the vocabulary loading and reading ages of all books.



**BOOK 3b**

**The Ladybird Key Words Reading Scheme**

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Peter and Jane are  
at home.

They are at play.

Look at this, says Peter.

We like to jump.

We can jump on this.

We can have some fun  
on this.

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at   play   on





Peter and Jane like  
to play.

I want to jump on this,  
says Peter.

Look at me, Jane.

Look at me.

Up I go.

Up and up and up I go.

It is fun to play on this.





Jane wants to play.

I want to play, please,  
Jane says.

Peter, I want to jump,  
please.

Jane jumps up and down.

Up and down I go,  
Jane says.

Up and down, up and  
down.

Look at me, Peter.





Peter likes to help.

He sees Daddy go up.

He wants to help Daddy.

I want to help you,  
he says.

Please can I help you?

Yes, says Daddy, you can  
help me.

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help sees Daddy





Here comes Jane with  
some tea.

This is for you, Daddy,  
Jane says.

Here you are. Here is  
some tea for you. Come  
down for the tea, please.

Daddy sees Jane with the  
tea, and comes down.





Here is Daddy with some apples.

Peter has an apple, and Jane has an apple.

Peter and Jane see Daddy go up and down.

They want to help Daddy with the apples.

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an    apple    apples





Peter and Jane are in  
the car with Daddy.

They like it in the car.

Mummy is at home.

They see a toy shop and  
a sweet shop.

Peter wants to see the  
school.

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car Mummy school





They go on to the school.

Here it is, says Peter,  
here is the school.

Peter and Jane like the  
school.

Here is a cake shop,  
says Daddy.

Mummy wants some cakes.

We have to get cakes  
for tea.



Here we are at home,  
says Daddy.

Peter helps Daddy with  
the car, and Jane helps  
Mummy get the tea.

Good girl, says Mummy  
to Jane.

You are a good girl to  
help me like this.

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Good    good    girl





Jane and Peter like to  
play with the rabbits.

Peter has one, and Jane  
has one.

They are good to the  
rabbits.

Peter's rabbit can jump,  
and Jane's rabbit  
can jump.

The rabbits like Peter  
and Jane.





Here is a home for the rabbits.

Daddy helps Peter with it, and the dog looks on.

It is Pat. He is a good dog.

Pat likes rabbits.

He likes to play with the rabbits.

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Peter and Jane have  
some flowers.

Jane says, Girls like  
flowers.

Peter says, Yes, and boys  
like flowers.

Jane wants to have a  
flower shop.

Peter helps with it.

He gets some red flowers  
for Jane.





Here is a tree, says Jane,  
and here are some  
flowers.

Come and look, Peter.

Look at the red flowers  
and the tree.

Peter looks.

Yes, he says, I like the tree  
and I like the flowers.

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This is a boat, says Peter,  
a boat on the water.

Here is a man in a boat.

A boy is with the man.

Have a look, Jane.

Have a look at this red  
boat on the water.



I want a boat, says Peter.

I want one to play with.

Please help me, Daddy.

Please help me with this.

I want some help with this.

Yes, says Daddy, I want to help you with the boat.

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Here is Peter with the  
boat.

It is a red one.

He wants to go to the  
water with the boat.

Daddy gets the car to go  
to the water.

Jane is in the car.

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Here they are, at the water.

Peter is in the water with the red boat.

He has fun in the water with the boat.

Can you see a fish in the water? says Jane.

No, says Peter.

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Peter sees a man and  
a boy.

The man has a boat.

It is a Police boat.

Peter says to Jane,  
Look at that boat.

That man has a Police  
boat.

I like that Police boat.





This is the school.

The boys and girls are  
at school.

Here are the Police.

The Police are at the  
school.

They have come in a  
Police car.

They have come to help  
the boys and girls.

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Peter has a toy car.

Jane is with Peter.

Jane says, Here is a shop  
with apples.

Please get some apples,  
Peter.

Go into this shop for  
some apples.

Yes, we want some apples,  
says Peter.

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Peter and Jane want to go  
to the station to see  
the trains.

They like to look at the  
trains at the station.

Here they go, on a bus  
to the station.

It is a red bus.

They like it on the bus.





The bus has come to the station.

Peter and Jane go into the station.

They like to see the trains.

I like to go on a train with Mummy and Daddy, says Jane.

Yes, it is fun to go on a train, says Peter.

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The boy and the girl  
are at home.

It was fun at the station,  
says Jane.

Yes, it was fun to see the  
trains, says Peter.

He gives a ball to Pat.

Mummy gives Peter an  
apple, and gives some  
cakes to Jane.



The toys go in here,  
says Jane.

Mummy says, You have  
to go to bed, Jane.

You have to go to bed,  
Peter.

Come on, up to bed  
you go.

You are a good girl, Jane,  
and you are a good  
boy, Peter.





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### Total number of new words 36

The vocabulary of this book is the same as that of the parallel reader 3a.



Number of new words in this book . . 36

All the 16 words from Book 1b and the 27 from Book 2b are also included.

Average repetition per word . . . . . 11

Capital letters new to this book,  
in order of appearance

**U, D, M, G.**

All the words in this Book 3b are carried forward into Book 4b, which introduces further Key Words.

Inverted commas are not introduced at this early stage of reading. They are brought into use from Book 4a onwards.



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